

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE PAUL J. SMITH, JR. MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of the Paul J. Smith, Jr. Municipal Complex in Union Beach, New Jersey. I join with borough officials, employees, and residents in celebrating the completion of this project as well as the life and service of Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr. Mayor Paul Smith passed away on April 30, 2020 after a life filled with numerous professional and personal accomplishments. Mayor Smith left an indelible mark on the Union Beach community, and the dedication of the municipal complex is a fitting tribute to his contributions.

A dedicated public servant, Mayor Smith served on the Borough Council for nearly 25 years before being elected mayor in 2007. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Smith promoted community-building, townwide improvements, and transparency. In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Mayor Smith led recovery efforts with determination and collaboration, lending his voice and experience on President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force.

Not only a respected government official, Mayor Smith was also an active member of the greater community. He began the town's recreation basketball program and girls' softball league, coached, and served as commissioner of the Union Beach-Keyport Baseball Little League. He was also a long-time employee of International Flavors and Fragrances of neighboring Hazlet, New Jersey. Mayor Smith was deeply committed to giving back to his community and made an impact on everyone he met.

Begun under Mayor Smith's leadership, the newly renovated and expanded Municipal Complex will improve safety and accessibility for employees and visitors and accommodate the growing needs of the borough. I commend borough leadership for its unwavering commitment to the project and to meeting the needs of the residents.

Madam Speaker, once again, it is my honor to commemorate today's dedication ceremony in memory of Paul J. Smith, Jr.

HONORING WALLACE JOHNSON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a special citizen of our great nation, Judge Wallace "Wally" Johnson. Mr. Johnson lives in Montgomery County and he serves the people of that wonderful county as Judge-Executive.

Judge Johnson graduated from Montgomery County High School in 1972 and the KY

School of Mortuary Science in 1980. He worked in a funeral home from 1974 to 2008. In 1989 he was elected Coroner for Montgomery County where he served until 2010. In 2010 he was elected to lead the people of Montgomery County as Judge-Executive. Since taking office, he has served on many important boards and commissions. He has worked hard to improve the lives of Montgomery Countians by developing economic opportunities, improving healthcare, improving existing infrastructure, and keeping the community safe. After many years of service, Judge Johnson is retiring. He is to be commended for his strong leadership for the people of Montgomery County.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing public servant and thank him for his many years of service to the citizens of Montgomery County. Judge Wally Johnson's leadership, his dedication, and his love of community are greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING JACK MANGURTEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Mangurten, a beloved member of our community on the occasion of his 100th birthday, which he will celebrate on December 10th. Jack is a Holocaust Survivor, surviving four Nazi extermination camps, and, importantly, is the father of three children, seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mangurten, known affectionately as "Papa Jack" by his family, was born to Baruch and Bashah in Lagov, Poland in 1922. He had five siblings: Sarah, Melvin, Mordechai, Samuel and Barrel Tragically, his father was murdered in 1935 and his mother was forced to move the family to Keltz, where they struggled to make ends meet.

In 1939, the Nazi German regime invaded Poland and World War II broke out in Europe. Over the next six years, Jack would live through the greatest crime against humanity—the Shoah, or Holocaust. Hitler's death machine killed more than 11 million people, including 6 million Jews. Jack's brother Melvin had left Poland for America before the war, but tragically, none of his other relatives survived the Shoah.

Young Jack was transited to four different concentration camps throughout the war: Skarzysko, Buchenwald, Schlieben, and ultimately Terezin, or Theresienstadt. On May 9, 1945, Jack and 30,000 surviving prisoners at Terezin were liberated by the Soviet army.

Soon thereafter, Jack found himself at a displaced person's camp after the war. It was at this camp that he met the love of his life, Lily, to whom he was married for 72 years.

Jack was able to move to the United States thanks to a sponsorship by relatives in Chi-

cago, including his brother Melvin. Despite not knowing English and arriving penniless, he and his wife built a wonderful life and raised a lovely family. Jack worked as a tailor, ultimately opening his own shop on Touhy and Ridge in Chicago where he worked for 40 years.

Jack is an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook. As a Kohan, he is honored to be called to the Torah for the first blessing every Rosh Hashanah.

To this day, Jack enjoys keeping up with current events, especially news out of Israel, and spending time with his three children and their spouses (Barbara and Michael Zaransky, Shel and Nancy Mangurten, Irv and Linda Mangurten), grandchildren (Brad married to Jamie, Karen married to Michael, Erin married to Vince, Gayle married to Matt, Lindsay married to Eric, Lisa married to Daniel, and Lauren married to Corey) and great-grandchildren (Livia, Sidney, Maggie, Jude, Eli, Theo, Estee, Bernie, Simon, Owen, Leah, Cameron, Colby, Chance, Lily and Saide).

The Tenth District of Illinois, and the entire Nation are proud to wish Jack a Happy 100th Birthday. And it is my great honor and privilege to celebrate his life and his family, and to recognize his amazing life story.

HONORING CHEF FERNANDO OLEA, RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 JAMES BEARD AWARD FOR BEST SOUTHWEST CHEF

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Chef Fernando Olea of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for his receipt of the James Beard "Best Chef of the Southwest" Award.

Chef Olea first graced Santa Fe with his culinary talents back in 1991. Donning his signature cowboy hat, he infuses his Mexican dishes—particularly his New Mexican moles—at his current restaurant, Sazón, with fresh and local ingredients. He created a New Mexican mole in 2009 in celebration of the 400-year anniversary of the founding of Santa Fe. The recent James Beard recognition is just the latest accolade in his career. He also earned the National Restaurant Association's Faces of Diversity Award and was recognized by former First Lady, Michelle Obama, for his involvement in Cooking with Kids. He even served as President of the Santa Fe Wine and Chile Fiesta a few years back.

Recent recognitions have been 2019 Restaurateur of the Year by the New Mexico Restaurant Association; past three years named in Trip Advisor's Top 10 Best Fine Dining Restaurants in the U.S.; and the AAA 4 Diamond Award to Sazón. He is also quick to say these awards are not for him; they are his gifts to Santa Fe, as he works toward changing the

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